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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: HARTMAN CONVERSATION WITH PEREZ DE CUELLAR

1. SUMMARY: DURING COURSE OF USEFUL CONVERSATION
SEPT 27 WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN, PEREZ DE
CUELLAR NOTED THAT WHILE OUTCOME OF RECENT CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN WAS FAR FROM ENCOURAGING,
SUFFICIENT MOVEMENT MAY HAVE OCCURRED TO ENABLE LEDRA
PALACE TALKS TO RESUME NEXT MONTH. DE CUELLAR SAID
GREEK SIDE SEEMS WILLING TO ACCEPT PLENARY SESSION
WHERE, FOLLOWING SOME LIMITED AGREEMENTS, DISCUSSIONS
COULD BE CARRIED ON IN TWO MIXED COMMITTEES--TERRITORIAL
AND CONSTITUTIONAL. TURKISH SIDE WOULD NOT
PRESENT CONCRETE PROPOSALS BUT WOULD
DISCUSS "CRITERIA" AND THEN IN SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS
SPECIFIC POSITIONS WOULD EMERGE.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN, LEDSKY, EUR/SE, AND
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MISOFF MET WITH SYG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE PEREZ

DE CUELLAR SEPTEMBER 27. PEREZ DE CUELLAR OPENED CONVERSATION BY NOTING THAT PAPADOPOULOS' STATEMENT, UPON RETURNING TO CYPRUS, DID NOT ACCURATELY PORTRAY RESULTS OF NEW YORK-CONSULTATIONS. THOUGH DE CUELLAR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE OUTLOOK FOR RESUMED CYPRUS TALKS WAS FAR FROM BRIGHT, SOME FLEXIBILITY HAD BEEN MAINTAINED IN NEW YORK AS NEITHER SIDE WAS OVERLY PRECISE IN EXAMINING THEIR CONDITIONS FOR RESUMING THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

3. PEREZ DE CUELLAR DESCRIBED THE GREEK/CYPRIOT POSITION AS SEEKING A SHORT, INITIAL MEETING WITH THE SYG, FOLLOWED BY TWO SIMULTANEOUS SUBCOMMITTEE SESSIONS AT WHICH TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. HE SAID HE WAS TOLD THIS BY PAPADOPOULOS IN A SOMEWHAT VAGUE WAY SEEMINGLY AS A GREEK/CYPRIOT DESIRE TO AVOID PROBLEMS WITH THE "COMMON BASIS" AGREEMENT OF VIENNA V. PEREZ CONTAINED THAT WHILE THE TURKISH/CYPRIOT SIDE WAS NOT PREPARED TO PRESENT PROPOSALS, CHELIK DID TELL HIM THAT A CONCRETE TURKISH POSITION WOULD EMERGE DURING SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS. CHELIK ALSO REMARKED DURING HIS MEETING WITH THE SYG AND PEREZ DE CUELLAR ON SEPTEMBER 25 THAT THE TURKISH SIDE WOULD DISCUSS "CRITERIA" AT A PLENARY SESSION FOLLOWING WHICH THE EXPERTS COULD WORK OUT A NON-WRITTEN FORMULA, AT THE SUBCOMMITTEE LEVEL, AS A GUIDE FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATION.

4. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION PAPADOPOULOS INFORMED PEREZ DE CUELLAR THAT THE CYPRIOTS WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE ONLY A MILD STATEMENT DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON CYPRUS, IF SOME MODICUM OF PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE CYPRUS TALKS PRIOR TO THE DEBATE. PEREZ DE CUELLAR ADDED THAT IN HIS VIEW NEITHER THE TURKISH NOR GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE LIKELY TO DO ANYTHING MUCH UNTIL AFTER THE UNGA DEBATE.

5. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID HE PLANS TO LEAVE NEW YORK FOR LONDON ON SEPTEMBER 28 AND RETURN TO CYPRUS ON SEPTEMBER 30. HE WOULD THEN MAKE AN EFFORT TO GET BOTH

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SIDES TOGETHER IN ANOTHER ROUND AT THE LEDRA PALACE. HE WAS DOUBTFUL THAT HE WOULD SUCCEED IN THIS ENDEAVOR IMMEDIATELY, AND THEN ENUMERATED THE SERIES OF PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT ARISE EVERY TIME "HUMANITARIAN" DISCUSSIONS ARE SUGGESTED. ONE SUCH PROBLEM CENTERS ON THE MISSING PERSONS ISSUE, WHICH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS INSIST UPON AND WHICH THE TURKISH SIDE WILL CONSIDER ONLY IN SPECIFIC CASES AND WITHOUT REFERENCE

IN ANY COMMUNIQUE RELEASED FOLLOWING THEIR MEETINGS. DESPITE PROBLEMS OF THIS SORT, DE CUELLAR THOUGHT HE COULD HOLD AT LEAST ONE MEETING BETWEEN ONAN AND PAPADOPOULOS SOMETIME IN OCTOBER.

6. IN CONCLUDING PEREZ DE CUELLAR NOTED THAT BOTH SIDES GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY BELIEVE TIME IS ON THEIR SIDE. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS PRESENT AN ELABORATE AND UNREALISTIC CONCEPT OF THE FUTURE, WHEREIN THE GREEK MILITARY WILL BE PROPORTIONALLY STRONGER IN RELATION TO THE TURKISH. MEANWHILE MAKARIOS, ACCORDING TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR, IS PROBABLY PREPARED TO MAINTAIN THE ISLAND IN ITS PRESENT STATE, HIS AMBITION PRECLUDING A SOLUTION WHICH JEOPARDIZES HIS POLITICAL POSITION. SCRANTON

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